

Application Number 10/630,068
Amendment dated April 26, 2005
Reply to Office Action of January 26, 2005

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 6-8 is acknowledged.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akita, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,452,833) and Hoya, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,493,251). In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.


Claims 2-4 are believed to contain allowable subject matter, there being no rejections presently pending regarding those claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, and claim 2 is canceled. It is therefore believed that claims 1 and 3-5 are now allowable. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Akita, *et al.* and Hoya, *et al.* are overcome, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claims 3 and 4 are also rewritten in independent form and presented herein as new independent claims 9 and 10. It is believed that the new claims are also allowable.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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